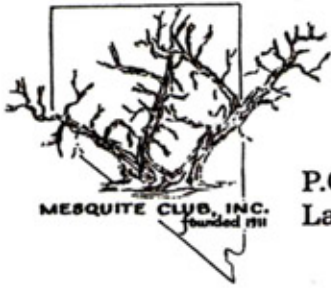


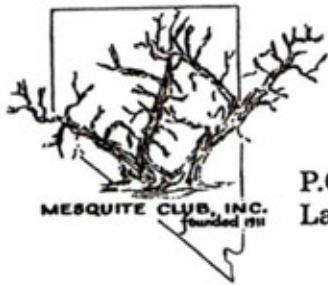
MESQUITE CLUB



P.O. Box 14424
Las Vegas, Nevada 89114

***City of Las Vegas
Planning & Development
Urban Design
Historical Preservation
Presentation
Mesquite Club Inc.
Organized 1911 Federated 1912***

Member of General Federation of Womens Clubs



P.O. Box 14424
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Officers 2008- 2009

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Betty Rumford

President- Elect

Carol Hale

First Vice President

Sandra Holliday

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Mary Ann Hantout

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Becca Doyle

Publicity

Betty Ault

Special Events

Henri Hale

Ways and Means

Barbara Senninger

Evening Mesquite Rep

Johanna Kennedy

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CLARK COUNTY PROPERTY

Parcel #	162-03-801-002	Address	702 E ST LOUIS AVE	Zip Cd	89104-2823
TN-RG-SE	21- 61.0- 3	PropCity	LAS VEGAS	ReAssd	2008
Tot Value	\$309,772	Tax Dist	LAS VEGAS CITY	Update	09/10/08
GEO Id	PT SW4 SE4 21-61.0-3	Land Use	4500000000/NPCF	Status	

ASSESSOR DESCRIPTION

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Assr Lot	Block	Phase		Bldg	Unit
Assr Apt	Parcel	Area		Tract	Outlot
Assr Desc	PT SW4 SE4 SEC 03-21-61				

OWNER & DOC INFORMATION

Owner Name	MESQUITE CLUB INC	ETAL	N	DOC DATE	05/24/77	DOC NUMBER	7420701254	DV	F	MUL	1
2nd Owner											
Address (D)	0/ PO BOX 14424										
City	LAS VEGAS	State	NV	Zip Code	89114- 4424						
Prev Owner											
Own Phone	Tenant Phone										

LAND & BUILDING INFORMATION

Land Value	\$258421					Nuisance	
FronbDpth							
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Topography		Str Paved		Sidewalks		Traffic	
Schools		View				Landscapng	
Shopping				Metro Map	55- B2	Area	301
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Roof Matri		Home Auto		Centrl Vac		Formal Din	
Flooring		Security		BI Refrig		Fireplaces	
Heat System		Intercom		BI Micro		Garbg Disp	
Air Cond		Range Fan		Trash Cmpt		Dishwasher	
Centrl Air		Range Oven					

PROPERTY SUB-AREAS SQ-FT

LivingArea	0	First Flr		Porch 1		Garage
Building 1		Second Flr		Porch 2		Carport
Total Bldg		Abv Second		Porch 3		Storage
Pool		Basement F		Paving 1		Deck
Fence		Basement U		Paving 2		

EXTRA FEATURE INFORMATION

Pool Heatr		Tennis Cts		Prch/Patio		SprinklrF
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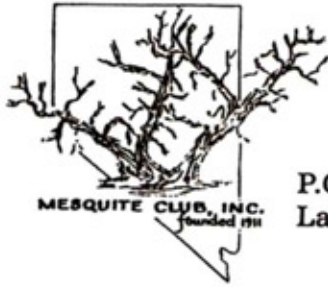
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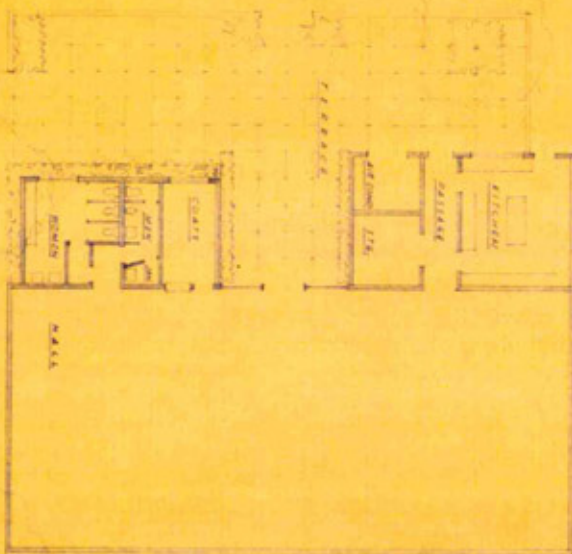
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Las Vegas, Nevada 89104-2823***

Assessor Description

***Parcel# 162-03-801-002
1.13 Acres 49,223 Lot sq ft
Improvement built in 1961
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Subdivision 9999***



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 THE MESQUITE CLUB
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PLAN
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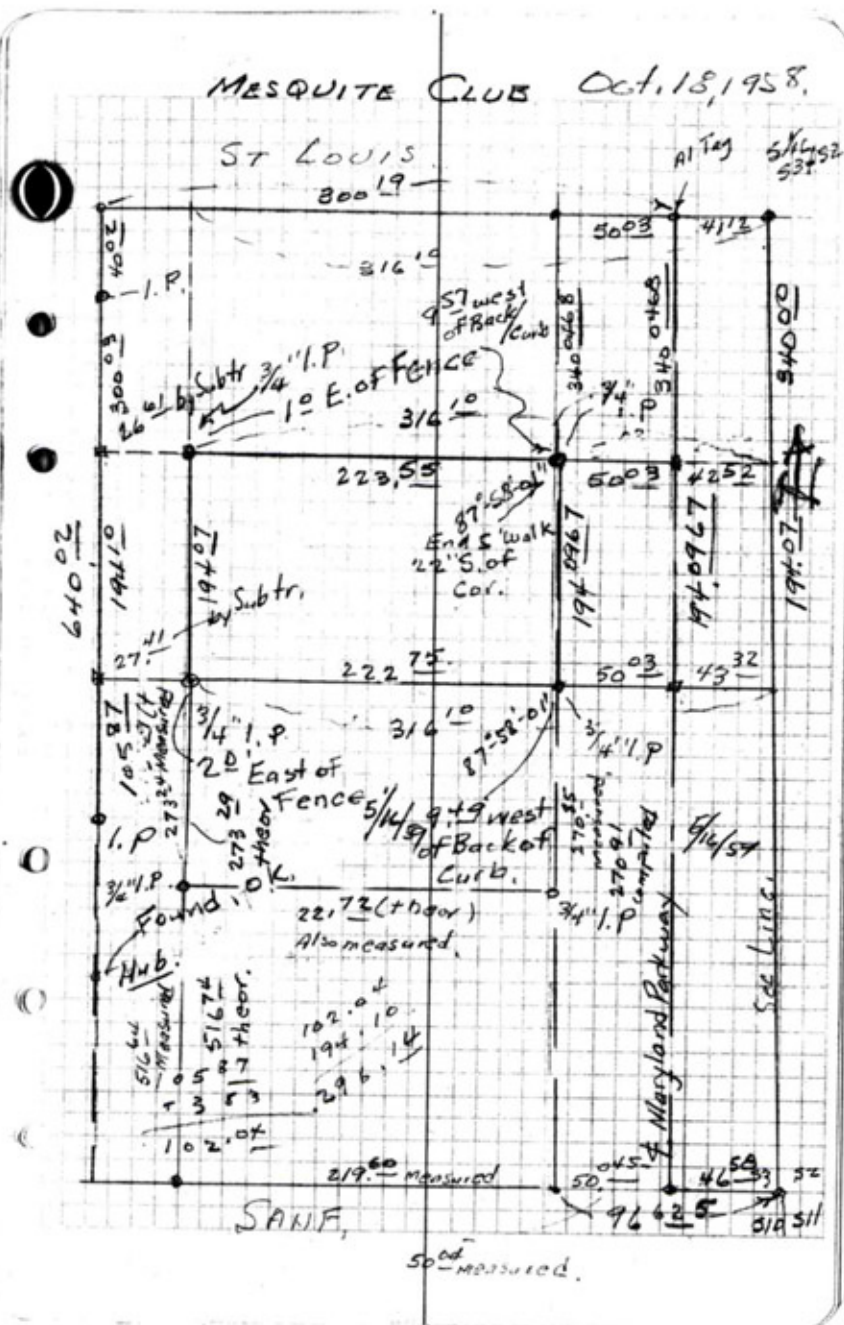
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REVISIONS
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 OWNER
 CONTRACTOR

St Louis
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Surveyors Notes

CAMPBELL Realty Company

135 SOUTH FOURTH STREET
LAS VEGAS - NEVADA



Telephone DUDLEY 2-1750

October 7, 1958

Mr. Ernest Clary
1210 Western Avenue
Las Vegas, Nevada

Escrow LV-54270-N
Hunt/Mesquite Club

Dear Ernie:

Pursuant to our telephone conversation of yesterday afternoon, I am setting forth below the necessary information for you to set the corners on the parcel that is the subject of the above numbered escrow.

Paragraph 14th of the above referred to escrow states as follows:

That on or before September 25, 1958, Seller shall cause a registered professional engineer to set corner stakes designating the two west corners of the parcel to be conveyed hereunder. Also the professional engineer shall set corner stakes at the intersection of the west line of Maryland Parkway with the north and south edge of the parcel to be conveyed hereunder. The cost of setting these corners shall be the Seller's own expense.

The legal description of this property is attached hereto and identified as Exhibit "A".

It is requested that you proceed with the setting of these corners and I hope that you will be able to have it completed by Monday or Tuesday of next week. Your bill for this work should be sent to Pioneer Title Insurance Company with a note indicating that it is in connection with the above referred to escrow.

Mr. Hunt has agreed to pay for the setting of these corners based on your usual charge for the time spent in doing the work.

Very truly yours,

CAMPBELL REALTY COMPANY

By 
Charles I. Naylor

CIN:lr

encs - 1 copy Exhibit "A"
1 copy this letter

I hereby confirm the above understanding and agree to carry out the work hereinabove set forth.

Ernest H. Clary

EXHIBIT "A"
LV-54270-N

That portion of the Southeast Quarter ($SE\frac{1}{4}$) of the Southeast Quarter ($SE\frac{1}{4}$) of Section 3, Township 21 South, Range 61 East, M.D.B. & M., defined as follows:

COMMENCING at the northeast corner of the Southeast Quarter ($SE\frac{1}{4}$) of the Southeast Quarter ($SE\frac{1}{4}$) of Section 3; thence south along the east line thereof a distance of 340 feet to the Southeast corner of that certain parcel conveyed by Jessie N. Hunt, a widow, to the Rector Church Wardens and Vestrymen of Christ Church Episcopal by deed dated September 22, 1954, recorded on September 27, 1954, as Document No. 21123 of official records in Book 23, Clark County, Nevada records, the true point of beginning. Thence west along the south line of the last mentioned conveyed parcel a distance of 316.10 feet to Southwest corner thereof; thence south and parallel to the east line of Section 3 a distance of 194.07 feet to a point, thence east and parallel to the north line of the Southeast Quarter ($SE\frac{1}{4}$) of the Southeast Quarter ($SE\frac{1}{4}$) of said Section 3, a distance of 316.10 feet to a point on the east line of the Southeast Quarter ($SE\frac{1}{4}$) of the Southeast Quarter ($SE\frac{1}{4}$) thence north along said east line of the Southeast Quarter ($SE\frac{1}{4}$) of the Southeast Quarter ($SE\frac{1}{4}$) Section 3, Township 21 South, Range 61 East, a distance of 194.07 feet to the true point of beginning.

EXCEPT the interest conveyed to the City of Las Vegas for street purposes described as Parcel No. 2 in that certain Quitclaim Deed from Jessie N. Hunt, dated July 24, 1952, recorded October 2, 1952, as Document No. 391612, Clark County, Nevada Records.

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Mesquite Club History

When Twenty women met in a home and formed what was to become the Mesquite Club, The city of Las Vegas, after being the county seat for four years, was just becoming incorporated. This date, March 16, 1911, also marked the election of the Mayor and four Commissioners. The population of Las Vegas was just over one thousand and the city had less than ten miles of graded and oiled roads. Fashionably gloved and be-hatted, the ladies walked on dirt sidewalks to the home of Mrs. A. J. Enking for the meeting. Robert Rules of order governed the election of President Pro-Tem Mrs. James Givens and Secretary Pro-Tem Mrs. F. M. Grace.

The first agenda item was the discussion as to what kind of club this was to be. It soon became apparent that nearly everyone wanted a literary Club. Some, however, voiced interest in gardening musicals, civic development, and studies of historical and civic events. The need for a library and other civic improvements also was discussed.

President Pro-Tem Givens spoke to the advantages of each area of interest, with the result that the club voted unanimously to cover a broad area of endeavor. Several committees were appointed that day, the most important was a committee of three to write the constitution and bylaws. Election of officers was held, and Fridays at 2:30 p.m. was set as the weekly meeting time.

It was at this meeting that Helen J. Stewart presented the club with a Mesquite gavel made of mesquite wood and her speech about the mesquite tree is a part of history.

"The Mesquite Tree is good for shade, flowers a fragrant bouquet and honey for bees. The wood is suitable for inlay work, the gum resembles gum arabic, the leaves and beans are good for stock.

The wood is used for masts and ribs for sailing vessels. The beans make a flour from which the Indians make a sweet and nutritious bread. From crushed beans a nutritious drink is made which is like sherbet. The wood makes excellent fuel is good for posts and pickets for fencing. From the thorns, an awl is made for basket work. The tree has carried mistletoe berries to grace Christmas festivities and the gavel of mesquite call our club meeting's to order"

It was almost immediately apparent they would have to find a place to meet other than their homes, which were too small to accommodate the group. The Opera house was used for a time (It had heat, a piano, and a modest rental of \$ 2.50 per week. This worked for a while but did not last and they had to go back to the homes for meeting. Thereby a search began for a place to meet that continued for many years.

At these early meetings ,the club chose its colors, green and yellow for the mesquite tree , its flower , the red carnation and its motto, a united effort towards peace, charity, equity, and a higher civilization.

Dues were set at \$ 2.00 /year. Due to the extreme summer heat, the club year would end In early June, with a closing meeting social in nature, including friends and families. Preparations for this meeting became more and more elaborate. City officials, school officials, officers of the one bank in town were added to the guest list, and the event was pronounced a great success by all.

It was determined in 1912 that the greatest need in Las Vegas was for shade trees for the intense desert heat. This became the clubs first major civic project.

The Chamber of Commerce, City Commissioners, School Board members and the public,were invited to a meeting to discuss the topic. As a result, February 14, 1912 , was chosen as the date for an " Arbor Day" to be celebrated by planting shade trees throughout the City, which was divided into districts ,in which tags were bought sold and worn to raise money. The tree planting became a community project that led to other community projects such as watering of the trees with the help of the City. The City also passed laws preventing livestock from wandering the streets and damaging the bark.The president asked each officer and chairman to submit a report of the year's activities. All debts were paid and the treasurer reported \$ 6.52 in their account. There were 37 paid members, four babies born, 12 meeting's held , 7 social functions, 3 special meeting's, and the planting of 3000 trees. An inventory of the club – showed one library table, one Presidents chair, one settee, 24 chairs, curtains and draperies for nine windows, three 8x10 rugs, one gavel of mesquite wood, 36 plates, one dozen glasses , one sugar bowl, one napkin.

To understand fully the character and difficulties of the Mesquite Club member of 1911 it is important to know that Las Vegas then had only 150 building's, nearly all of which were tents. The only hotel was a large tent.

In subsequent years the city grew largely because of the promise of a railroad and then the realization of that promise. Major problems were nevertheless encountered when the railroad was washed out and a strike of the workers was called.

Problems facing the club, as they do all service organizations , were constant, and funding needed to complete projects and the recruiting of new members to serve required dedicated efforts. Card parties and fashion shows were the earliest fund raisers.

Helen J. Stewart, President of Mesquite in 1916 & 1917 was a true pioneer of the west! She lived with her first husband on a ranch. He later died of a gun shot. Helen built his coffin, prepared him for burial, read his service, and buried him high on a hill above the ranch. She was also famous for her baskets.

In 1918: Mesquite women provided the Red Cross with items needed to care for the wounded of World War 1, as well as canned fruit and jams. The influenza epidemic was

raging and devastating to families, causing meeting's to be cancelled for months at a time. The ladies of Mesquite, however, continued their efforts to raise money and donate to a home for furloughed soldiers in France, send help to Belgian children, and support campfire girls.

1919: Due to influenza ,meeting's were small, often consisting of six to nine members.

1920: There was interest in harnessing the Colorado river and ideas of the construction of a dam that could benefit Las Vegas and surrounding areas.

Other injustice observed by Mesquite women led to ten mesquite members being deputized by the city to oversee the inhuman treatment of animals. Box lunches were sold and card parties held to raise money.

1921 : The Colorado river idea became the Boulder Dam project. By now there were 3000 people living in Las Vegas, which now boasted a working railroad, two banks, two newspapers ,three churches and many beautiful homes.

1925: A proper meeting place was by now a huge concern. The club had been forced to meet in various places such as church basements, schools ,and the American legion hall A building committee was formed and a building fund established. By 1926, three hundred fifteen dollars was in the coffers for this purpose.

May 24, 1924: Mesquite prepared to become involved in future business ventures with it's incorporation on this date.

1926: The Boulder Dam project was the focus of attention.

1926: One of Mesquites finest ladies Helen J. Stewart died. Businesses , schools, and the post office closed for her burial service.

1928: Congress passed the Boulder Dam project.

Plans for a Country Club and the first movie theater " El Portal" opened to a packed house.

A lot on 5th Street now Las Vegas Blvd had a small building on it but it was too small for the club but ideas of remodeling it to make it larger was thought about. It would require \$ 1270.00

1929: The building committee had \$ 509.95 and a local man donated \$ 250.00

This was the year of the Stock market crash! It was decided that future projects would be centered upon young girls and women..

1930: Dues were raised to \$ 5.00 and membership numbered seventy -nine. The building fund increased to \$ 1,333.46

1931: - October the property was purchased on Fifth street and the building fund grew to \$ 1503.90. With the aftermath of the 1929 Stock market crash, the club moved slowly

toward renovation. However, signs of prosperity were returning with the Boulder Dam and the railroad, and architectural plans were drawn. This was also the year that gambling was legalized.

1933: Mesquite began their remodeling operation, feeling their financial situation was secure, as announced in the local newspaper.

One hundred fifty women attended a tea to dedicate the building, which continued to be a never ending program of civic improvement. The Mesquite club was as instrumental in forming public opinion as was the Chamber of Commerce. New programming included the following: a course in Nevada law, English literature, gardening, and contract bridge.

1936: The Facility was outgrown, fund raising for a new building to replace the Fifth St. location began again by renting the facility: \$ 4.00 to renters, \$ 1.00 to churches, \$ 3.00 to club members.

1940's: – The war years World War II found the Mesquite club again working with the Red Cross. Moving with the times, worked also with the Salvation Army, library fund, Girl scouts, Cancer Society, and local schools. The club experienced a small fire without much damage. It was a practice for a member to come the night before to light the stove before meeting days to assure comfort. Membership was ninety to one hundred.

1948: The new Elks stadium was built seating 8000 people, The Golden Nugget was also completed.

1951: The first test atomic blast was set off in the desert. Desert Inn hotel opened that year! More than One Billion dollars was wagered in gambling that year.

1952: Mesquite club went to the State Legislature to request the following: minimum standards for nursery schools for the handicapped, Requested two more airlines routes be added from Las Vegas to Los Angeles. The Sahara hotel opened that year

1953: The Mesquite club numbered 196 members. The needs of an Indian village at the fringe of the city were addressed. They served coffee and sandwiches to the USO.

1957: Mesquite went to the State Legislature and requested a state road be built to the Valley of Fire!

1958: Changing clubhouse needs again were discussed and whether to sell or remodel. They decided to sell. Membership was now up to 284 members.

1959: Mesquite Club gained tax exempt status. With its growing problems of space and increasing membership the building committee was asked to look for a new clubhouse.

Land was purchased on Maryland Parkway to build at \$ fifty dollars per square foot. Some Doctors wanted the land for offices so they sold it for \$ 115.00 per square foot. A dollar amount of \$ 19, 652.00, making a tidy profit for the club.

1960: On January 25, it was learned that a property on St. Louis sold as part of an estate was available. The club purchased this property. The clubs application for a building permit was approved. The soil needed some work before the building could begin. On May 24, 1960 an assessment upon each member of \$10.00 for the next three years for the building fund was levied. An estimate of fifty thousand dollars was given to build the current facility and the time was estimated at 120 days. 216 people paid their assessments nine did not.

1961: The building was ready for inspection in January. On March 3, the new building was dedicated in conjunction with the fiftieth anniversary of the club. The celebration was marked with a Silver Tea.

From all available records in the years that followed, the Mesquite Club flourished. Fund raisers, civic causes, and all of the programs and practices of the first fifty years continued varying with the times. The meeting day is the same. Agendas have included fashion shows, musicals, choral groups , crafts and arts, literary book clubs, garden clubs, reading in the schools , helping children programs and agencies, fighting crime, safeguarding neighborhoods, responding to national emergencies, and local needs of city and community.

Boulder dam was a boom for Las Vegas, not only for business but as a tourist attraction. The population grew steadily. Membership in the Mesquite Club has continually attracted Ladies of distinction, strong character, indomitable spirits , can do attitudes Fun and games have been enjoyed as well. Popular activities have included bridge, the mesquite club choir, water color and oil painting classes, a book exchange program and a recently added poker class.

Egg salad sandwiches with tea and cookies is the hallmark of Mesquite refreshments. The method of making the sandwiches is passed on to all new members. Food is made at home and brought to the club by members. Mesquite traditions have served the club well, as evidenced in the annual reports , one term Presidency , photographic history of past presidents, defined duties and responsibilities. The records and archives at UNLV hold the proof of club accomplishments through the visions and works of the pioneering members , leaders ,and other great women of service throughout the history of the mesquite club.

Schools have been named for Mesquite women such as Helen J. Stewart, many members have been teachers; others have distinguished themselves in other fields as well. Mesquite club deserves to be a recipient of Historic Preservation by the City of Las Vegas because of its distinguished history and its present tradition of service, resulting in such programs leading to the establishment of the present day city mainstays.

The secret witness program leading to Crime Stoppers, Safe House, H.E.L.P. CCSD Title One Hope, NSPCA, Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth, Salvation Army, Veterans Hospital Boulder City, Rose Garden Lorenzie Park, Safe nest, Safe Haven, Blankets for UMC Oncology department , Baby Items for Indigent families ,Cash donations to Girls State ,Sound Design Theater, Kids to Kids to name a few.

Mesquite Club has distinguished it self as a service organization in the community in the city in the state and nationally as a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. Awards , honors , proclamations and recognition of these services are replete in our clubhouse with literally hundreds of plaques and certificates of appreciation. Every mayor, senator, congressional representative and local political official has recognized the work of the Mesquite women.

Historic Preservation should be granted to the Mesquite Club to assure the future of the club to continue this work and beyond. Mesquite club is moving into the age of high technical communication with the installation of the internet to the building for the first time and planning of a web site which will make information about the club available to anyone attract new members to add to its vitality and diversity.

Our volunteer hours number into the thousands each year as each committee tallies their service hours and a club woman keeps statistics on this part of our service.

From the first civic project of planting trees in an arid city with less than ten miles of graded or oiled roads in 1911 where the involvement of Mesquite women were constantly in the headlines for being the civic and social club of the day to, 2008 and the current evolution of a metropolitan City of high rise buildings and master planned communities and a national attraction as one of the most desirable places to live and play in America. Mesquite Club's new members , twenty five year and fifty year members are just as interested in the ideals and principles of social civic and philanthropic works as the founders. The challenge today is to attract the young people of our communities to the personal benefits of service , giving , helping others, volunteering and making their communities great places to live and work. All the challenges and triumphs of our founders are a riveting history that has brought us to this day, we continually dedicate ourselves to be worthy of this rich legacy.

Data: The history enclosed is compiled from exerpts from the first fifty years written By KayO'Gorman. Minutes of Mesquite records, hand books of past years, scrap books, and original impressions and observations of Mesquite Club activities.

Written by : Shirley J. Bailey, Building and Grounds Chair

Edited by: Gwen Den Dooven

THE LADIES OF MESQUITE

The traditions of a city
And its mark of saving grace
Is the story of its Ladies
And their imprint on the place.

You can feel their shadowed presence
In the trees that line the street
For the Builders of Las Vegas
Were the Ladies of Mesquite!

They wear their hats to meetings
With an air of jaunty grace
With a feather or a ribbon
Or a scrap of Spanish Lace.

They laugh and chatter gaily
But their laughter is discreet
For they set the social standards,
These Ladies of Mesquite!

The Shade of Mrs. Stewart
Seems to linger 'round about,
As Mom Squires recalls the struggles
And the day of hope and doubt.

The coy and flippant headgear
When the Ladies gaily meet,
Does not suggest the power
Of the Ladies of Mesquite!

No city is, or ever was,
As good as it should be:
But Ladies in their perky hats
Still strive for decency.

One may, perhaps, offend police
And many crimes complete,
But woe betide offenders
Of the Ladies of Mesquite!

The Ladies built the Libraries
And fostered public schools,
They beautified the roadways
And constructed public pools.

Their hats may be eccentric
But, Sir! You'll never meet
More sturdyhearted women
Than the Ladies of Mesquite!

Their leader's name is legion
Way back to nineteen-eight,
With Farnsworth, Grant and Mundy
Among the truly great.

And don't forget Ruth Harvey
Her hats were hard to beat,
These names bring highest honors
To the Ladies of Mesquite!

Some day, quite soon, this city
Will double up in size,
Ten thousand homes will nestle
Beneath our azure skies.

New Ladies with new bonnets
Will walk the city street
And the fairest will be numbered
With the Ladies of Mesquite!

New hats and splendid raiment
Are a feminine delight,
And Mesquite Club's Opening Luncheon
Is a brilliant social sight.

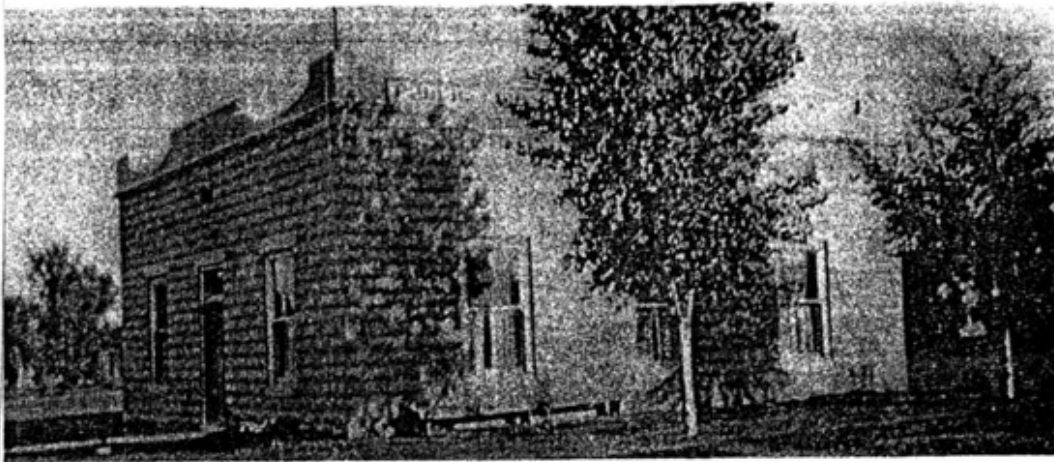
The wife may be so stingy
That the family dare not eat
But she'll sign a second mortgage
For the Opening of Mesquite!

Your hats may be so funny
That we men folks slyly smile
But for solid civic virtue,
You have us beat a mile.

We adore you! We salute you!
Let us buy the drinks and treat
As we raise a glass in tribute
To the Ladies of Mesquite.

— Tom Taney
Circa 1930

Mesquite Club meetings were once held in this building .



Clark County started July 1, 1909. Train whistles, fire-crackers, bands and speeches started the celebration for the new county. The Division Club raised \$1,800 to build a county building. After the new courthouse was built, this building became the first library and the first city hall.
(North side of Bridger between Second and Third: Courthouse Square)

The Mesquite Club raised money to buy books for the library. On Arbor Day 1912 the club planted over 2,000 trees to help beautify the town.

1946



SOCIETY



Opening Luncheon of Mesquite Club Held Friday at Frontier

The opening fall luncheon of the Mesquite club was held at 1:15 o'clock last Friday afternoon in the Ramona Room of Hotel Last Frontier. Mrs. Charles Kirste, retiring president, served as toastmistress.

After a salute to the flag by the assembled guests, piano selections were played by Mrs. Harry Cobb. Mrs. A. W. Blackman, new president, introduced officers, committee members and guests, after which Mrs. Marion B. Earl presented contralto solos.

Mrs. Blackman gave an address on the topic "Looking Beyond Victory," and outlined the responsibilities of clubwomen in the post-war era.

Plans were announced for the annual fall flower show and tea sponsored by the literature and garden sections of the club. It will be held from 2 until 5 o'clock Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Frank Ball, 1021 Francis avenue, Huntridge addition. All Las Vegas residents are invited to participate in the flower showing and are asked to deliver their displays to the home of Mrs. Ball before 11 o'clock Friday morning.

Members and guests attending the luncheon included: Mesdames B. Fox, Dick Lowe, Ray E. Thorn, V. Faulds, E. Jespersen, H. Tinsley, C. Norman Cornwall, Harvey Dickerson, C. L. Horsey, Jr., Burt King, G. Herman Grayson, A. J. Rafael, E. Goodland, Harold Stocker, O. J. Irwin, R. R. Salzman, M. J. Christensen, Howard W. Woodbury, C. A. Paice,

Vern H. Waldo, H. W. Hanson, Gerald Winters, Fred Neale, Oscar Bryan, S. R. Dole, F. B. Springer, E. R. Westbrook, Kenneth Searles, M. Sage, C. G. Chester, Harold E. Broughton, R. V. Chase, H. N. Gambill, Paul Jones, Don Ashworth, W. G. Fulton, W. B. Honrath, Earl Honrath, Minerva Honrath, J. W. Holler, Olin Ward, H. J. Polest, G. Laurence Ullom, R. W. Olson, W. D. Van Housen, C. E. Olson, Curtis Capelle, Lillie B. Foremaster, J. E. Von Tobel, W. J. Peterson, and

Mesdames O. W. Yates, C. D. Breeze, James Farndale, B. F. Yarbrough, Herbert M. Dixon, C. P. Squires, C. C. Boyer, T. J. Diskin, H. J. Fish, Robert Berber, Henry C. Culley, Harry Allen, T. F. Ball, Alden Sharp, L. R. Hile, Robert Bartlett, R. A. Wickman, A. W. Blackman, Charles Kirste, Robert Dula, Lorin Simmons, David Farnsworth, George H. Albright, Dean Bingham, Calvin Cory, John G. Coper, J. Will Carson, F. Newlin, C. L. Martin, Lola Hinman, H. E. Luce, G. R. Wilkinson, G. E. Franklin, Charles Tullis, A. E. Hensler, J. H. Sexsmith, W. A. Huerkamp, Ione Franklin, Guy Ostensen, Earl H. Johnson, Jack Albright, Larry Atkinson, F. U. Nielsen, W. C. DeCrane, C. J. Grinnell, R. E. Rockwell, E. C. Christian, E. L. Snarr, J. H. Hardy, E. E. Dula, C. V. Fulton, J. A. Moss, F. D. Koehler, J. W. Courroy, T. E. Taney, Earl Davison and

Mesdames C. F. Wittenberg, W. E. Ferron, P. H. Elmer, R. T. Baskin, Robert Willstead, Mamie Mason, V. Gray Gubler, Marion B. Earl, E. D. Ciliax, Harry Cobb, G. O. Ciliax, Leonard Fayle, C. E. McCarthy, W. N. Schuyler, O. C. Poggs, C. S. Wengert, E. Grave, M. Curtz, O. A. Kimball, George Crone, Glenna Wilson, D. O. Maret, A. H. Imming, Margaret Fennell, Joe E. Bare, Harvey Parvin, J. W. Ault, Peggy Simon, B. E. Bartlett, Kenneth Zahn, W. D. Vance; and the Misses Maude Frazier, Cecilia Patricia Morrison, Muriel Carson, Joanne Jenik, Grace Van Den Broek, Clara G. Hogg and Nina Neale.

Women's Clubs Presidents Are Feted by Mesquite Club Here



CLUB LEADERS IN LAS VEGAS—Above are shown presidents of several leading women's clubs of Las Vegas who were honored guests at a "Friendship Day" program given by the Mesquite club recently. Shown from left to right, front row, are: Mesdames George Fage, Belva Osborne, Chester Cheel, Howard Davies, Burdell Porter, Bruce Sutton, C. P. Squires, and R. A. Wickman. In the back row, left to right, are: Mesdames Lucille Silverman, W. F. LaGrange, Tom Williams, David Farnsworth, Harry Allen, Azar Alldredge, and Miss Florence Lee Jones.

February, 1948

"Friendship Day" was observed Friday, January 23, by the Mesquite club at a special meeting held at the clubhouse, 607 South Fifth street. Special guests who were featured on the program were presidents of several other outstanding women's clubs in Las Vegas, who were invited to tell of the aims, purposes, and accomplishments of their organizations.

The visitors were welcomed by the Mesquite club president, Mrs. R. A. Wickman, who conducted a short business meeting, and Mrs. Lloyd R. Hile, first vice-president, read the "Club Women's Creed." Mrs. Hile introduced the Mesquite club theme of this year, "Know Your Neighbor," and lighted a candle of friendship before she introduced the special guests.

Mrs. Wickman reported that the Mesquite club was founded in 1911 and joined the National Federation of Women's clubs in 1912. Observance of the club's thirty-seventh birthday will be held on February 6, she announced. The club motto is world effort toward peace, charity, equity and a higher civilization.

Mrs. David Farnsworth, president of the U-Wah-Un Study club, said that her club name is an Indian term for friendship, the basis of the organization. Organized in 1919 by a group of Las Vegas women desiring to become better acquainted with other nations, the club now is affiliated with the Nevada Federation and the National Federation of Women's clubs. Of the 12 original members, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Hewatson is the only remaining active charter member. Their purpose is the promotion of social, educational, literary, and artistic growth.

Mrs. Emily Ball, president of the Hostess club, was unable to be present, and Mrs. C. P. Squires spoke on behalf of this group. Organized in 1905, the club still has two charter members in Las Vegas, Mrs. Ball and Mrs. R. E. Lake, Sr. The membership of Mrs. Squires dates from 1906, shortly after her arrival in the community, one year from its founding. She recalled that Las Vegas was a city of tents and many hardships for the residents. A need for real friendship led to the organization of the club, with membership composed of selected members of the first Protestant church established here. Club members took their sewing equipment to the meetings and helped the hostess with her mending and sewing. Mrs. Squires recalled that the club was known first as the "Help One Another," then later as "Entre Nous," and finally as the "Hostess club," which it has been for many years. She reminisced on projects of the club in the early days, which included banquets in the old Fyfe hotel, at the site of the new Elwell hotel, and baked bean dinners.

The City Council of Beta Sigma Phi sorority was represented by Mrs. Bruce Sutton, who told of the international scope of the organization which was founded April 30, 1931, in Kansas City, Missouri, to interest young women in cultural and social activities. There are now six chapters in Las Vegas, with 140 members. A study course is followed for five years before members attain Exemplar status in the senior groups. She told of plans of the sorority for construction of a clubhouse in Las Vegas.

Mrs. Burdell Porter, newly elected president of the Las Vegas Mothers' Study club, stated that her group was organized 14 years ago to provide for members a training program in child care and social friendliness. Child training is the theme of study lessons given at each meeting of the club, and a project now being carried out by the club is to collect and mend clothing to aid the Las Vegas Girl Scout Brownies in supplying kits for overseas shipment.

The American Association of University Women was represented by Mrs. Howard Davies, who told of the international, national, state and local phases of the group in which she serves as president here. Fellowship grants are provided for foreign students to come to the United States to do graduate study. A program which has been lauded by the United Nations. A \$100 scholarship has been set up in Las Vegas to aid a local girl in attending college. Two projects are being followed by A.A.U.W.: one to arouse interest in the treatment of a tubercular n for Nevada, the only

state without such facilities, and an effort to obtain a traveling library project for the state.

Mrs. Lucille Silverman, president of the Women's Chapter of the B'nai B'rith, termed her organization the oldest Jewish service organization in the world, with a history of 166 years in carrying out its motto of brotherly love, good will, and understanding. An eight-point program is followed, dedicated to charitable and philanthropic work, with emphasis on support of youth welfare. With a local membership of 73 members, the group sews once a week at the Red Cross chapter house and meets once a week to make layettes for overseas shipment. One book a month is given to the club library, and the group also aids in civic projects, such as the "march of dimes" fund, for which a benefit card party was held recently, bringing in a total of \$93.68. In addition, members have been active in the advanced gifts committee for solicitation of funds for the drive, she said.

Mrs. Belva Osborne, president of the Navy Mothers club, reviewed the history of the national organization, established in 1912 by Mrs. Emma Jones in Texas as a national welfare organization in peace as well as in wartime. There are 706 clubs in the United States, and the local group has a membership of 35. Their purpose is to inspire pride in naval service, to be a social link between home and naval service, and to carry out welfare projects in the interest of navy personnel. Guest homes along the coast, where navy men and women may be entertained when they are on leave are an important factor in the work of the members, in addition to their hospital service for those who have been wounded or are ill.

The Desert Gold Star Mothers Chapter, affiliated with a national organization started in 1928, was represented by the president, Mrs. George Page. She said this is the only chapter in the state of Nevada and was instituted here in February, 1947. At present there are 30 members, whose sons or daughters forfeited their lives in military service. Their purpose is "to help the disabled comrades of our sons," and much emphasis is put on hospital work. Plans now are being made, she said, for establishment of a national home for Gold Star mothers who have no family left to care for them.

Mrs. Harry Allen, past president of the Fortnighters club, stated that this social group was organized 11 years ago and has 20 members, many of whom are charter members. During the war, members participated in USO, Travelers' Aid, and Red Cross work, and still assist with local and national drives. Social meetings are held bi-monthly at members' homes.

Mrs. W. F. LaGrange, president of the Las Vegas Council of Parents and Teachers, told of the national, state, and local scope of P.T.A., with the purpose of uniting forces of home, school, church, and community for the benefit of the youth of the nation. She said there are eight local units in Las Vegas, with a Council serving as a coordinating agency. The membership in Las Vegas totals 2,010 parents and teachers. The fifty-first anniversary of the establishment of P.T.A. will be observed on February 17, and the Nevada Congress, which is eight years old, will hold its state convention in Las Vegas April 26 and 27. Sponsorship of a hot lunch project in Las Vegas schools is a prime interest of the local organization. Between January 5 and 20, the organization served 2,005 paid

lunches and 420 free lunches to local school children.

The Literary club was represented by Mrs. Azar Alldredge, president, who stated that the group was organized in 1924 to read good books and for social relationship. There are 20 members, and meetings are held at homes, where book reviews are featured. Four parties are held each year at which members have their husbands as guests.

Mrs. Tom Williams, president of the Las Vegas Business and Professional Women's club, termed the group a service club interested in raising the standards of all women, with emphasis on "equal pay for equal work." Members attend chamber of commerce and city and county board meetings, participate in civic betterment projects, and sponsor a monthly radio program.

Miss Florence Lee Jones, president of the Service League, told of the founding of the group in February, 1946, to provide for young women of the community an opportunity to continue the kind of service which they had given during the war to Red Cross, USO, bond sales and other wartime enterprises. The purpose is to foster interest in social, economic, educational, cultural, and civic conditions of the community. Each member is required to give 100 hours of volunteer service each year to remain in good standing in the League. This work encompasses such activities as Red Cross, Community Chest, "march of dimes" drive, Tuberculosis Association, health department clinic work, in addition to the League's financial assistance to persons in need. She told of the Thrift Shop operated by the League at 134 West Bonanza, where used clothing is sold to obtain funds for charity.

Mrs. Chester Cheel of the Daughters of Utah Pioneers said the purpose of her organization is to perpetuate the names and achievement of the Utah Pioneers, to preserve relics and landmarks and to collect unprinted manuscripts which relate early history. The project of the local group is to preserve the Old Fort on North Fifth street, built in 1855 and now the oldest building in the state of Nevada. It is planned that the building will be restored and that relics of the early days will be displayed there, so that residents and tourists may learn of the early history of the area. William Brimhurst led the party sent to Las Vegas by Brigham Young to establish friendly relations with the Indians and to build the first settlement in Vegas valley.

To climax the program given by the club presidents, Mrs. Floy A. Gibson of the Mesquite club read an appropriate poem entitled "Friendship."

Mrs. Leonard Fayle, third vice-president of the Mesquite club, announced plans for a fashion show and luncheon to be held at 12:30 p. m. on Saturday, February 14, at the Flamingo hotel. Tickets can be obtained from Mrs. Fayle or from new members of the club who are in charge of arrangements. The party will be "reciprocity" day for the club, and clubwomen from nearby communities will be guests.

Special guests at the meeting were: Mrs. Fred D. Smith, of Eugene, Oregon, former Las Vegas resident; Mrs. W. H. Morrison, Mrs. W. S. Carmen, Mrs. George Thompson; and Miss Helen Squires.

Tea was served at a lace-covered table, with a centerpiece of scilla and pyracantha surrounding a huge candle. Mrs. C. P. Squires and Mrs. A. C. Grant poured. The other hostesses were: Mesdames Walter Hunaker, chairman, Charles Lee Horsey, F. F. Garside, R. R. Russell, and E. R. Gates.

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President Audrey Wickman



NEW PRESIDENT — Above is shown Mrs. R. A. Wickman, newly elected president of the Mesquite club, oldest and largest women's club in Las Vegas. A Kentuckian by birth, she received her early education in Louisville, and later moved to Glenwood Springs, Colorado, where she completed her education. She has been a resident of Las Vegas for 15 years. She served as president of the El Wah-I-In Study Club this year and is a member of the South Gate chapter of the Order of Eastern Star and the Daughters of the Nile. Her husband has been employed by Cashman's garage for 12 years. Mrs. Wickman was installed at a luncheon held last Friday.

Mesquite Club Has Christmas Party, Donates Jelly for Juvenile Home

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JUVENILE HOME GIFT—Mrs. Russell Knight, third from left, matron at the Clark county juvenile home, receives a gift of jam and jellies from members of the Mesquite club as a Christmas remembrance to the children in the home. The jars were gathered at a recent luncheon of the Mesquite club. Left to right are: Mrs. Leonard Fayle, second vice-president and committee chairman; Mrs. Lloyd R. Hile, club president, and Mrs. Knight; and Mesdames Ray E. Thorn, Charles Richards, T. F. Ball, Paul Jones, Robert Dula, Mel Brown, Alden Sharp, C. G. Chester, Robert A. Wickman and Vesta Purdy. (Review-Journal photo.)

The Yuletide spirit prevailed at the annual Christmas kensington party of the Mesquite club which was held Friday afternoon, December 3, at the Ramona room of Hotel Last Frontier.

The party attracted 200 club members and guests who gathered for luncheon. Corsages of green holly tied with red or green ribbon, were presented to each guest.

Mrs. Lloyd R. Hile, club president, welcomed the group, after which a Christmas program was presented. George Afinsoff, baritone soloist, who currently is appearing at the Hotel Thunderbird, sang several selections, including two operatic numbers, "Aria" from Faust and "Farewell, My Son, I'm Dying." Other selections he presented included

ney's End," and two popular numbers from "Oklahoma," "O What a Beautiful Morning" and "Oklahoma." He was accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Harry Cobb.

Rankin Mansfield, director of the Las Vegas Little Theater, read a shortened version of Dickens' "Christmas Carol." The Mesquite club choral group sang three numbers, "O Holy Night," "The Sleigh," and "Christmas Bells Are Ringing." The latter is from the Christmas cantata, "Chimes of the Holy Night," which will be presented by the choral group at 3 p. m. on Sunday, December 19, at the First Baptist church. Mrs. Cobb is the director and Mrs. George Bondley the accompanist.

Miss Lila Osborne of Los Angeles sang "The Lord's Prayer"

program. The accompaniment was played by Mrs. Cobb.

As a special feature of the party, Mrs. Spencer Butterfield, third vice president, introduced 12 new members who have joined the club this year. They include: Mesdames Roy Flippin, W. H. Ferguson, Murdell Earl, George Henthorn, George Franklin Jr., Charles Fletcher, J. B. Demman, William Unga, George Bondley, William Dugan and Dr. Ethel Parsons and Miss Phyllis Katsaros.

Each member attending the luncheon took a jar of jam or jelly, which was presented by the Mesquite club as a Christmas gift to the new Clark county juvenile home.

Arrangements for the party were in charge of Mrs. Leonard Fayle. She was assisted by members of the Mesquite club board

GFWC News, Garden Tea Scenes



Greetings from GFWC Nevada!

I'd like to begin my first letter with a big thank you to our own Evening Mesquite member, Connie Macauley, who was the 2006-2008 President of GFWC Nevada. We have all enjoyed her bubbly personality and her unbounded enthusiasm and are very happy she will be the 2008-2010 GFWC membership chairwoman for the State of Nevada.

Mesquite Club has become synonymous with charitable contributions to the community. It is evident to all that its members care about other members and their communities. I believe that receiving the 501 (c) 3 tax status will result in the introduction of many new program projects that the club will be able to participate in.



Mary Ann just before her installation as the 2008-2010 GFWC Nevada State President.

Congratulations to Betty Rumford on becoming the 100th President of Mesquite Club and to Bonnie Utton who will be starting her second year as Evening Mesquite's Chairwoman. Thankyou, Bonnie, for leading the Mesquite Evening members to such a successful past year.

Congratulations are also in order for both the day and evening ladies who received many GFWC NV State Awards.



Connie Macauley, Bonnie Utton, Past President Vera Knox display certificates awarded to Mesquite Club by GFWC International 1st VP Carlene Garner

There will be great representation from all clubs in Nevada going to the GFWC International Convention in Chicago in June/July. We will be hosting the "Western States Convention" from September 4-7. If you have never attended one, this is the perfect time for you to come and meet women from all the Western States, attend informational meetings and learn about this years GFWC programs and projects.

In Federation sisterhood we are all **"Women on the Move, Stepping into the Future"**

Mary Ann Hantout,
President, GFWC Nevada

Garden Tea Scenes 2008

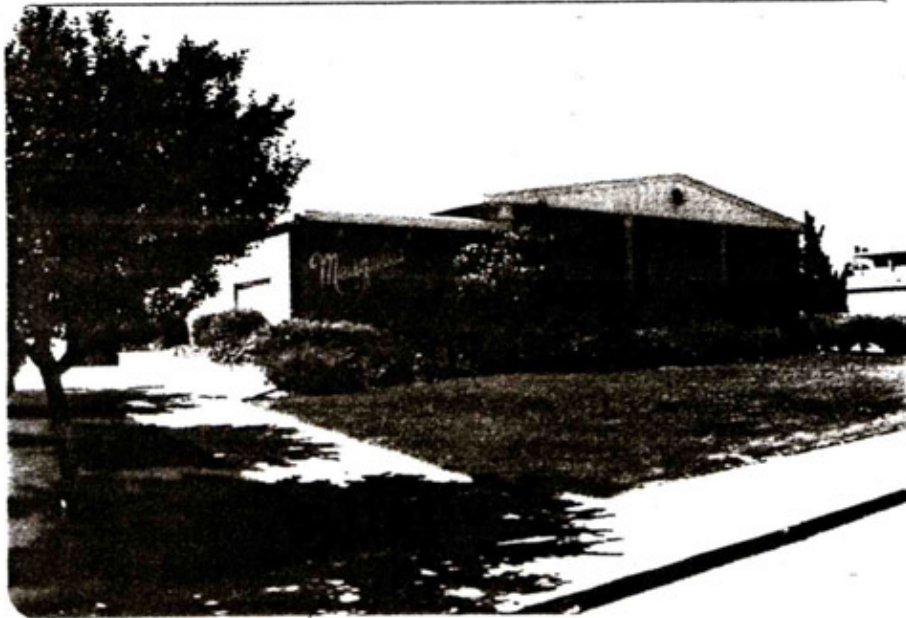


April 16, 2008 *Black and white can scarcely do justice to the striking color scheme and beautifully coordinated table decorations members encountered as they gathered for Mesquite's annual Garden Tea. Kudos to Chairwoman Ann Bull, her Co-Chair Jolene Taylor and their tea committee (shown bottom left) for their use of design and color and their spectacular peacock décor theme. Another in a long string of memorable Mesquite Garden Tea Parties to savor!*



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Closing Luncheon, 2008



May 23, 2008. The Closing Luncheon was marked by the installation of a new president and board, and the presentation of a check for \$3,000.00 to the Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth. Past President Vera Knox is shown (center) passing the gavel to Betty Rumford the, now, current President of Mesquite Club for 2008-2009

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